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SUBJECT: NEWSPAPER SHUT DOWN OVER ALLEGING ACTORS'
HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVITY

REF: A. CAIRO 1332

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1.(U) On October 5, the Supreme Press Council, an administrative GOE body, revoked the license of the weekly tabloid newspaper "Al-Balagh Al-Ge

2.(C) Three human rights lawyers told us that the newspaper had no evidence for its allegations. They expected the editor and the journalist to

3.(C) Comment: Revoking a newspaper's license is rare. In the past year, only one paper -- "Al Zuhour" run by the Muslim Brotherhood -- has see